



AP Lang: Philosophies of Education Cluster

- For 12/13 Synthesis under construction: Finalize cluster within groups.
- For 12/17 Final draft of E.B. White-style essay
- For 12/19 Ask at least two adults of different age groups (19-29, 30-49, 50+) their ideas about the importance and/or purpose of education as well as the optimal content, rigor, and approach to learning. Aim for a vivid conversation! Write a 500-1000 word summary of their responses alongside your insights sparked by these conversations.

For the 3 clusters of readings: Write ONE question and ONE comment for each essay in the grouping. These should respond to something specific in the text and showcase your thoughtful consideration.

- For 12/21 “Of Studies,” Francis Bacon.
“Learning to Read and Write,” Frederick Douglass
“What High School Is,” TheodoreSizer
- For 1/3 Read to page 104 in *1984*. Select one “Quote of the Book” that captures the essence of this section of the novel. In a well-written paragraph explain exactly HOW this passage illuminates the text.
- For 1/7 “Dehumanized: When math and science rule the school” (Slouka in *Harpers*)
“Making College Relevant” by Kate Zernike, (*NYT* 12/29/09) (see link on wiki)
- For 1/9 *Educating for Global Competence* (Mansilla, Jackson – pdf on wiki) – Preface + 1-9
“Changing Educational Paradigms” (see link on wiki – video)
- For 1/11 In-class work
- Exam 1/15 Based on AP exam material – synthesis question
- For 1/23 Read to page 224 in *1984*. Select another “Quote of the Book” that captures this section of the novel. In a well-written paragraph explain exactly HOW this passage illuminates the text.
- For 1/25 Analysis of 3 college recruitment materials – 500-700 words
- For 1/29 Articulate your own philosophy of education in a letter to a specific audience (parent? current/past teacher? school board? dept. of education? college of your choice?), explaining how it has been informed by both your life experiences and your consideration of others’ views. Use sources discussed in this unit as well as other specific, appropriate evidence. Avoid merely summarizing sources. What should the future look like in light of your educational philosophy?
This could either be essay-length, or a college application essay (in which case it should be short – a succinct 500-750 words – actually, a harder task.

For 1/31 Read to page 298 in *1984*. Select another “Quote of the Book” that captures this last section of the novel. In a well-written paragraph explain exactly HOW this passage illuminates the text.

For 12/21 Bacon question

Bacon comment

Douglass question

Douglass comment

Sizer question

Sizer comment

For 1/7 Slouka question

Slouka comment

Zernike question

Zernike comment

For 1/9 Mansilla and Jackson question

Mansilla and Jackson comment

“Changing educational paradigms” question

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